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RESPONSE

Sir:

An August 7, 2002 Official Action remains outstanding in the above-identified matter. That Official Action was identical to the June 3, 2002 Official Action, but for the Examiner removing the "Final" designation from the June 3, 2002 Official Action.

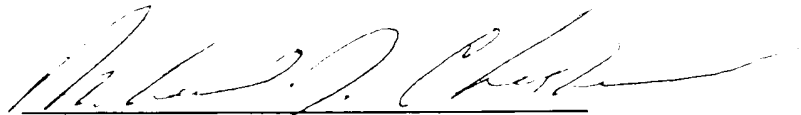
Pursuant to phone conversations with the Examiner on October 18th, and 25th, 2002, the parties have come to realize that the Examiner did not have the benefit of Applicant's August 5, 2002 Amendment (photocopy of postcard enclosed) when the Examiner issued her August 7, 2002 Official Action.

The Examiner acknowledges possession of Applicant's August 5, 2002 Amendment, and stated on October 25, 2002 that no further response is necessary by the Applicant at this time. Rather, the Examiner indicated that she will issue a supplemental response or a Notice of Allowance if appropriate.

If the undersigned is not correct in his understanding, Examiner Chunduru is respectfully urged to telephone same at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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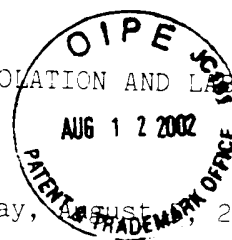
On the date stamped hereon, the United States Patent and Trademark Office acknowledges receipt of an Amendment Transmittal Letter, an 8-page Amendment, a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, three sheets of Marked-Up Claims, three sheets of Clean Claims, Check # 2673 for \$60, and this return receipt postcard.

Re: Bavykin, et al.

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